



# The Henry Morris Lecture in International & Comparative Law

The Achievements and  
Paradoxes of Constitutional  
Democracy in Turkey

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## THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND PARADOXES OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY IN TURKEY

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Prof. Dr. Bertil Emrah Oder is Dean and Professor of Constitutional Law at Koç University Law School. After receiving her LLB from Istanbul University Law School, she obtained her LLM

degree from Marmara University European Union Institute. Prof. Dr. Oder received her PhD degree in law with distinction, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Cologne, Germany. She served as a full time faculty member in the law schools of Istanbul University, and Galatasaray University. Dean Oder has been active in various centers for EU law, human rights law, international relations and gender studies. Currently, in addition to serving as Dean of Koç University Law School, she is a member of the academic board of the Constitutional Reconciliation Committee of the Turkish Parliament.

Prof. Dr. Oder is the author of numerous publications including: *CONSTITUTION AND CONSTITUTIONALISM IN THE EU* (2004: Istanbul, Anahtar Publishing); *MILITANT DEMOCRACY IN TURKEY, MILITANT DEMOCRACY IN MODERN DEMOCRACIES*, (Markus Thiel, ed., 2009: Ashgate Publishing); *METHODOLOGY OF INTERPRETATION IN CONSTITUTIONAL ADJUDICATION* (2010: Istanbul, Beta Publishing); *TURKISH CONSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATION AND THE EU: EUROPEANISATION TOWARDS CONSTITUTIONALISM?*; and forthcoming, *TURKEY AND THE EUROPEAN UNION*, (Cigdem Nas & Yonca Ozer, eds., 2012: Ashgate Publishing).

### **The Achievements and Paradoxes of Constitutional Democracy in Turkey**

Prof. Dr. Oder's lecture will examine Turkish constitutionalism through the evolution of its constitutions. It will also review the ongoing debates

about whether to pass constitutional amendments or draft a new constitution.

Professor Oder will discuss the basic features of constitutional democracy in Turkey, such as: democratic institutions, constitutional review, the balancing of majoritarian tendencies with liberal values, the secular state within a predominantly Muslim society, women's rights, and the influences of Europeanization. She will highlight the achievements and the paradoxes of Turkish constitutionalism.

### **Henry Morris Endowment**

This program is funded through the Henry Morris Endowment. An 1889 graduate of the Chicago-Kent College of Law, Henry Crittendon Morris (1863-1948) enjoyed a distinguished career as an international lawyer and diplomat. During 25 years of foreign service prior to World War I, Mr. Morris served as the United States Consul in Ghent, Belgium, and as secretary to Chief Justice Fuller at the Permanent International Court at the Hague. When the war broke out, he returned to Chicago to coordinate Red Cross and Liberty Loan campaigns on behalf of the American war effort.

Mr. Morris was a member of the American Society of International Law and a number of other organizations devoted to improving international relations. He was the author of *THE HISTORY OF COLONIZATION FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES TO THE PRESENT DAY* (1906). The French government made him a chevalier of the French Legion of Honor in 1937.

### **Program Details**

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